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APPLICATION NO. 10/660,687
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ATTACHED PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- FORM PTO-1083 (1 PAGE IN DUPLICATE)
 - REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION (2 PAGES)
 - EXECUTED DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 (4 PAGES)
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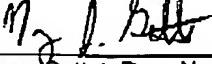
- Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
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TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE			three month		\$ 0.00	\$450.00		
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Respectfully submitted,

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